

July 8, 2008

Public Hearing – Bill 25-08

Emergency Medical Services Transport Fee

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Montgomery County Fire & Rescue

I am here tonight asking the County Council to please support Bill 25-08; with our present situation facing budget shortfalls we cannot afford to say no to ambulance billing. This could be an estimated 14 million dollar revenue source.

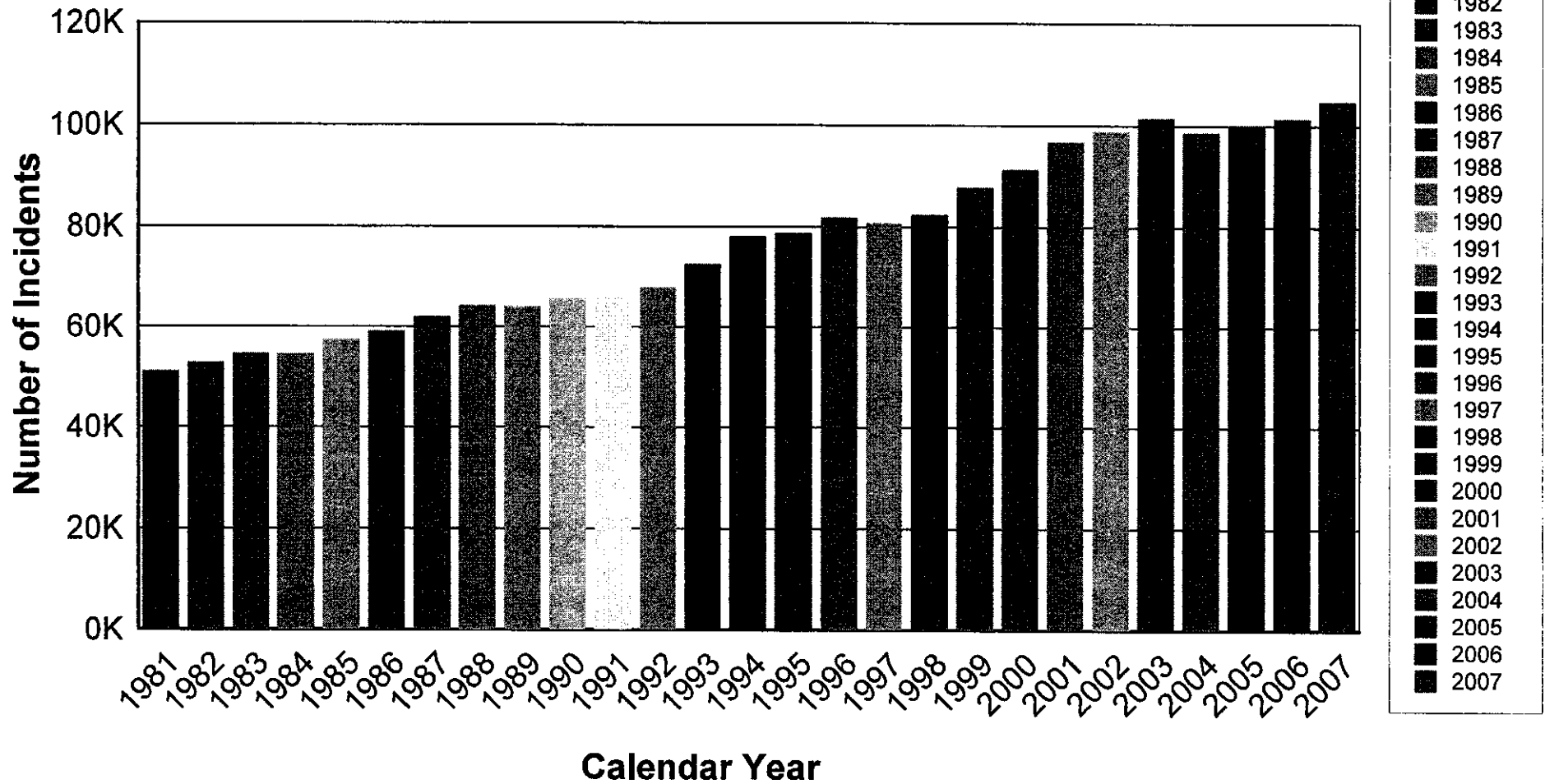
We currently run over 104,000 calls each year, 80% of these calls are for EMS.

Tonight I also brought some items to show you that we cannot restock at the area hospitals. These items get utilized many times during the day and must be restocked back at the fire station. Who pays for it?... the County Government does. I used to purchase EMS supplies for a Local Fire Rescue Corporation; we would never have any funds left at the 9th month of the Fiscal year. The EMS billing will enhance our current budget.

With our growing geriatric population & our aging baby boomers we will be running more and more EMS calls. We will need more paramedics, more equipment and more fire stations. The time is now please vote in favor of Bill 25-08.

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Calendar Year Dispatches (1981-2007)



COUNTY-WIDE CALLS FOR SERVICE BY CALL TYPE DISPATCHED
01/01/2007 TO 12/31/2007

	CALLS
ABDOMINAL PAIN	2335
ACTIVATED CARBON DIOXIDE DETECTOR	604
ACTIVATED SMOKE DETECTOR	174
ADAPTIVE RESPONSE	224
ALLERGIC	806
ALS FROM FIRE/RESCUE	598
ALS FROM POLICE	702
ANIMAL BITE	43
ARREST	886
ASSAULT	623
AUDIBLE ALARM BELLS	1033
AUTO HOME FIRE ALARM	2247
AUTO LEAKING FUEL	159
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM	4271
BACK PAIN	979
BARN FIRE	5
BLDG FIRE W/HAZMAT	32
BLEEDING	2381
BLS FROM FIRE/RESCUE	1052
BLS FROM OFFICER	3018
BOMB PRESENT	310
BOMB THREAT	27
BOX ALARM	503
BROKEN OUTSIDE GAS SERVICE	297
BRUSH, GRASS, WOODS	1134
BURNS	79
BUS FIRE	26
CHEMICAL SPILL	6
CHEST PAIN	4417
CHOKING	333

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COUNTY-WIDE CALLS FOR SERVICE BY CALL TYPE DISPATCHED

01/01/2007 TO 12/31/2007

	CALLS
COLLAPSE 3	1
CONFINED HVAC FIRE	14
CONFINED OVEN FIRE	141
CONSTRUCTION EQUIP	5
CYLINDER LEAK OUTSIDE	19
DIABETIC	1567
DROWNING	12
DUMPSTER FIRE	121
ELECTRICAL SHORT	261
ELECTROCUTION	19
EXPOSURE	86
EYE INJURY	95
FALLS	6999
FIRE IN SEWER	11
FIRE OTHER	132
FIRE REPORTED OUT	95
FIRE SERVICE CALL	1790
FIREOUT W/SMOKE COND	128
FOOD ON THE STOVE	29
FREIGHT TRAIN DERAIL	1
FRS-PIC	188
FUEL SPILL	33
GARAGE FIRE	1
GAS / HAZMAT	1
HEADACHE	466
HEART PROBLEMS	1576
HELICOPTER STAND-BY	259
HIGH VOLUME FUEL SPILL	8
HOUSE FIRE	391
HOUSE TRAILER FIRE	2

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	CALLS
ICE RESCUE	5
ILLEGAL BBQ	118
ILLEGAL FIRE	176
INDUST/MACH	1
INHALATION	38
INLAND WATER RESCUE	2
INSIDE ODOR OF GAS	569
INVESTIGATION	1323
INVESTIGATION - SMOKE	137
LOCK-IN	545
LOCK-OUT	114
LOCKOUT/FOOD ON STOVE	65
M/A FULL ASSIGNMENT	395
METRO BOX ALARM	2
METRO TASK FORCE	2
MUTUAL AID FIRE	248
MUTUAL AID RESCUE	3198
ODOR OF SMOKE	578
OVERDOSE	658
PALLATIVE CARE	5818
PATIENT ASSISTANCE	2829
PENETRATING WOUND	185
PERSONAL INJURY COLLISION	7563
POLE FIRE	62
POL-PIC	542
POTOMAC RIVER RESCUE	19
POWDER	4
PREGNANCY	581
PSYCHIATRIC	1101
RESCUE FROM HEIGHTS	1

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	CALLS
RESET ALARM SYSTEM	497
ROCK RESCUE	1
ROCK RESCUE / WATER	2
SEIZURE	2006
SERVICE CALL - TREE ON A BUILDING	28
SERVICE CALL FOR STUCK ELEVATOR	805
SHED FIRE	11
SICK	9415
SMALL PLANE DOWN	1
SMALL TRUCK FIRE	11
SPECIAL DETAIL EVENT	31
STROKE	1466
SUICIDE > TO FRS VIA MCPD	280
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE	9
TANKER FIRE	2
TRANSFORMER FIRE	249
TRASH FIRE OUTSIDE	92
TRAUMA	2294
TROUBLE BREATHING	7082
TRUCK FIRE	56
UNCONSCIOUS	4853
UNDETERMINED FIRE	21
UNDETERMINED HAZMAT	12
UNKNOWN MEDICAL EMERGENCY	544
UNKNOWN PROBLEM	2797
VEHICLE FIRE	549
WATERFLOW ALARM	75
WIRES DOWN	1014
TOTAL	104837

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